

IN THE OREGON TAX COURT
REGULAR DIVISION
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Court Administration

IN THE MATTER OF COURT) **PRESIDING JUDGE’S ORDER**
PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS THE) **AMENDING COVID-19 PROCEDURES**
COVID-19 PANDEMIC) **TO INCORPORATE CJO 21-016**

Chief Justice Order (“CJO”) 21-009 imposes restrictions on court operations related to the COVID-19 state of emergency. CJO 20-045 prescribes requirements related to the use of protective face coverings.

This court’s order dated April 1, 2021, imposes restrictions for the Tax Court consistent with CJO 21-009 and CJO 20-045.

On May 25, 2021, Chief Justice Walters issued CJO 21-016, which provides exceptions to the requirements governing protective face coverings for individuals who are “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19.

This Order allows exceptions in the Tax Court consistent with the exceptions in CJO 21-016.

Pursuant to CJO 20-045 and CJO 21-016, the court hereby orders as follows:

1. In applying the exception for fully vaccinated judges and staff in paragraph 3 of CJO 21-016:
 - a. “Judges” includes magistrates.
 - b. The only “public areas of the court facility” are:
 - i. The lobbies immediately outside the elevator bays on the State Street side of the Robertson Building, Floors 3R and 4R.
 - ii. On Floor 4R, at times when internal doors are unlocked for in-person proceedings, the corridor leading to the courtroom; the Byers Conference Room; public restrooms; the courtroom; and, if unlocked, the Mediation Center and the connecting corridor.
 - c. To obtain approval from the “Administrative Authority,” an individual must provide proof of fully vaccinated status to the Tax Court Administrator. The Tax Court Judge will approve all exceptions upon confirmation from the Tax Court Administrator.

2. In applying the exception for in-person proceedings in paragraph 4 of CJO 21-016:
 - a. A “judge presiding over an in-person proceeding” includes a magistrate presiding over an in-person proceeding.
 - b. The “Presiding Judge” means the Tax Court Judge.
3. I hereby delegate the request-and-review responsibility in paragraphs 3.b. and 4.b.(2) of CJO 21-016 to the Tax Court Administrator, retaining approval authority.
4. The social distancing requirements and all other requirements in the court’s order of April 1, 2021, remain in effect to the extent no exception under this Order applies.

This Order is effective May 27, 2021, and remains in effect for the duration of CJO 20-045 and CJO 21-016. Now, therefore,

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2021.

Signed: 5/27/2021 08:36 AM



Tax Court Judge Robert T. Manicke